



Fair Political Practices Commission

428 J Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA 95814

www.fppc.ca.gov



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:
June 25, 2004

Contact: Sigrid Bathen
Stephanie Dougherty
(916) 322-7761

FPPC Enforcement Decisions: June 25, 2004

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on June 25, 2004. Decisions are divided by category and include brief summaries of each case and the amount of the fines.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the June agenda on the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission, and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions ordered by the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC press office at 916-322-7761.

Conflicts of Interest and SEI Disclosure Violations

In the Matter of Richard G. Carlile, FPPC No. 99/501

Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Deanne Canar and Investigator III Leon Nurse-Williams

Richard G. Carlile, a member of the Santa Rosa Planning Commission, made, participated in making, and attempted to use his official position to influence governmental decisions in which he had a financial interest, in violation of section 87100 of the Political Reform Act (4 counts); and failed to fully disclose reportable economic interests on four consecutive annual Statements of Economic Interests, in violation of sections 87203, 87206, and 87207 (5 counts). **\$24,000 fine.**

Mass Mailing Violations

In the Matter of California Independent Business Political Action Committee and Charles H. Bell, Jr., FPPC No. 99/195

Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Supervising Investigator Sue Straine
California Independent Business Political Action Committee (CIB-PAC) is a general purpose recipient committee located in Sacramento. Charles H. Bell, Jr. is CIB-PAC's paid treasurer. In this matter, CIB-PAC and Bell paid for and sent eight political mass mailings that opposed incumbent Assemblyman Brian Setencich in the 30th Assembly District primary election, and supported his challenger, Robert Prenter. All eight mass mailings failed to disclose proper sender identification, which should have included the name, address, and city of CIB-PAC. By failing to

-more-

include proper sender identification on the eight mass mailings, CIB-PAC and Bell violated section 84305 (8 counts). Following an administrative hearing in Sacramento regarding this matter, Presiding Administrative Law Judge Jaime René Román issued a proposed decision finding that eight violations occurred, and imposing a maximum administrative penalty of \$16,000 on both CIB-PAC and Bell. At its March 15, 2004, meeting, the Commission rejected Judge Román's proposed decision in its entirety, and requested that the parties submit additional evidence, and oral and written argument, on the issue of Bell's liability for the violations. The commission today (June 25) approved the stipulated agreement agreed to by the parties. **\$16,000 fine.**

Campaign Reporting Violations

In the Matter of Residential Builders Association of San Francisco, Residential Builders Association of San Francisco PAC, and Joe Cassidy, FPPC No. 01/612

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Accounting Specialist William Marland

Residential Builders Association of San Francisco is a trade association based in San Francisco. Residential Builders Association of San Francisco PAC is sponsored by the trade association. Joe Cassidy is the treasurer of the trade association's sponsored committee. Respondents failed to report required information regarding the members of the trade association who made contributions of \$100 or more to the sponsored committee, in violation of section 84211(f) (6 counts); failed to disclose a \$10,000 late contribution on a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of section 84203(a) (1 count); failed to send major donor notification letters to contributors of \$5,000 or more, in violation of section 84105 (12 counts); and made prohibited loans of campaign funds, in violation of section 89515 (3 counts). **\$47,000 fine.**

In the Matter of New Democrat Network and Simon Rosenberg, FPPC No. 01/307

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Investigator II Charlie Bilyeu

New Democratic Network, a state general purpose committee based in Washington, D.C., and Simon Rosenberg, the founder and treasurer of the committee, failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements in paper format, in violation of section 84200.5 (2 counts); and failed to file a pre-election campaign statement in electronic format, in violation of section 84605(b) (1 count). **\$5,500 fine.**

In the Matter of George M. Drysdale, FPPC No. 03/686

Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy and Investigator III Jon Wroten

George M. Drysdale of Hillsborough and the Philippines committed one violation of the Act by failing to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of section 84200(b) (1 count). **\$2,500 fine.**

In the Matter of Dale L. Jones and Committee to Elect Dale Jones, FPPC No. 01/592

Staff: Commission Counsel Steven Meinrath and Investigator III Sandra Buckner

Dale L. Jones, an unsuccessful candidate for a seat on the Lynwood City Council in the Nov. 4, 1997 general municipal election, and the Committee to Elect Dale Jones, his controlled committee, failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of section 84200.8 (1 count); failed to report the true source of non-monetary campaign contributions, in violation of section 84211 (1 count); failed to maintain detailed records and accounts as were necessary to properly prepare a first pre-election campaign statement, in violation of section

84104 (1 count); and failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of section 84200(a) (1 count). **\$4,000 fine.**

Contribution Limit Violations

In the Matter of Butte County Republican Central Committee and Jack R. Sargent, FPPC No. 03/474

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Accounting Specialist Luz Bonetti

Butte County Republican Central Committee, a political party committee based in Butte County, and Jack R. Sargent, the treasurer of the committee, improperly accepted a contribution in excess of \$25,000 from 21st Century Insurance Group for the purpose of supporting candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303(b) (1 count); and improperly used a contribution in excess of \$25,000 to make contributions to candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303(c) (1 count). **\$10,000 fine.**

In the Matter of Kern County Republican Central Committee and Matt Brady, FPPC No. 03/475

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Accounting Specialist Luz Bonetti

Kern County Republican Central Committee, a political party committee based in Kern County, and Matt Brady, the treasurer of the committee, improperly accepted a contribution in excess of \$25,000 from 21st Century Insurance Group for the purpose of supporting candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303(b) (1 count); and improperly used a contribution in excess of \$25,000 to make contributions to candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303(c) (1 count). **\$10,000 fine.**

In the Matter of San Joaquin County Republican Central Committee and Rick Veldstra, FPPC No. 03/250

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Accounting Specialist Luz Bonetti

San Joaquin County Republican Central Committee, a political party committee based in San Joaquin County, and Rick Veldstra, treasurer of the committee, improperly accepted a contribution in excess of \$25,000 from 21st Century Insurance Group for the purpose of supporting candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303(b) (1 count); and improperly used a contribution in excess of \$25,000 to make contributions to candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303(c) (1 count). **\$10,000 fine.**

SEI Violations

In the Matter of Melodee Brewington, FPPC No. 02/556

Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager

Melodee Brewington, a member of the board of trustees of the Junction Elementary School District in Siskiyou County, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of section 87300 (1 count). **\$400 fine.**

Late Contribution -- Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Late Contribution Reports – Proactive Program

Staff: Chief Investigator Alan Herndon, Investigator III Jon Wroten, and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager

The following persons and entities have entered into stipulations for failure to file late contribution reports in 2003, in violation of section 84203:

In the Matter of Martin D. Singer, FPPC No. 2004-156

Martin D. Singer of Beverly Hills failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$1,500 fine.**

In the Matter of Edward J. Templeman, FPPC No. 2004-157

Edward J. Templeman of Canyon Country, Calif., failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$1,500 fine.**

###